



# Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Pierson and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: February 3, 2021 Meeting date: February 22, 2021

Subject: Malibu Playhouse / Young Actors Project (Councilmember Farrer)

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** At the request of Councilmember Farrer, award a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Grant to Malibu Playhouse in the amount of \$4,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding in the amount of \$6,000 is available for the General Fund Grant Program in the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in Account No. 100-7001-5930 (City Council Community Grants).

**WORK PLAN:** This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**DISCUSSION:** The Malibu Playhouse (formerly The Malibu Stage Company) is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation founded in 1990 as Malibu's only professional theater company. The Young Actors Project (YAP), which operates out of the Playhouse, provides professional performing arts training through a partnership with the City's Community Services Department by providing instructors who lead classes in improvisation and acting training for Malibu's young aspiring performers. The very popular classes are dedicated to the growth and self-expression of young actors in a fun, exciting atmosphere that allows students to explore their own creativity and gain self-confidence.

The Malibu Playhouse has been served notice by its landlord that its lease agreement has been terminated, effective immediately. Despite efforts to reach a workable solution, it was made clear that the notice is non-negotiable and final. The directors of the Malibu Playhouse now must move all assets of the Playhouse and YAP off the property, but the Playhouse does not have funds to strike, load out, and relocate those assets.

The Playhouse directors hoped to reach out to the community for assistance with packing and moving but recognize that is not possible due to the potential for COVID-19 transmission, leaving them with the only safe option of using professional movers. The Executive Director has reached out to request City assistance through an emergency grant from the City's General Fund Grant Program.

Councilmember Farrer is requesting the Council authorize an emergency grant award in the amount of \$4,000 to the Malibu Playhouse to help offset the costs of packing and moving YAP assets from the current location. Due to the immediate need, the funds are requested from the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Grant Program rather than submitting an application for next year's grant awards.

ATTACHMENTS: None.